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Healthcare Services in the North-Eastern Region
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the availability of health professionals and quality of healthcare service facilities in hilly and in the North- Eastern region of the country particularly
in Arunachal Pradesh and if so, the details along with the outcome thereof;

(b) the estimated number of doctors, medical colleges, hospitals and hospital beds available in the North-Eastern States specially in Arunachal Pradesh, State/ UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve access to affordable and quality healthcare services in the hilly and North-Eastern region specially in Arunachal Pradesh along with the funds earmarked, allocated and utilized during each of the last three years
and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the details of the incentives being provided for setting up of hospitals and medical colleges in the North-Eastern region specially in Arunachal Pradesh;

(e) whether the Government has supported/proposes to support any projects aimed at creation of health informatics, healthcare knowledge system and other e-Health solutions in the region
and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) fund spent in the last three years and the current year to improve access to the healthcare facility in such regions?

## Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): Status of availability of health professionals in hilly and in the North-Eastern region of the country including Arunachal Pradesh, as per Rural Health Statistics (RHS) 2016, is at Annex-I.

Further, assessment of quality of healthcare service facilities in hilly and in the North-Eastern region of the country including Arunachal Pradesh is carried out through various external surveys such as, National Family Health Survey (NFHS), District Level Household Survey (DLHS) and Sample Registration System (SRS) etc. Further, Common Review Missions (CRMs) also undertake review of the quality of healthcare service facilities, in hilly and in the North-Eastern region of the country including Arunachal Pradesh. Details of different evaluations are available in public domain as under:
NFHS-4: http://nrhm-mis.nic.in/SitePages/NFHS.aspx
DLHS 4: https://nrhm-mis.nic.in/SitePages/DLHS-4.aspx
SRS:http://www.censusindia.gov.in/2011-Common/Sample_Registration_System.html
CRM reports:http://nhm.gov.in/monitoring/common-review-mission.html

(b): Status of number of Government allopathic doctors, number of medical colleges- public & private, number of government hospitals and number of beds available in the North-Eastern States including Arunachal Pradesh, State-wise is at Annex-II.

(c): Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide healthcare services to its people lies with the respective State/UT Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for engagement or in-sourcing of health professionals on contractual basis, provision of free drugs, diagnostics, ambulances, Mobile Medical Units etc., based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope.

Besides NHM, the Scheme for Forward Linkages to NRHM complement & supplement the initiatives under NHM by improving the Tertiary, Secondary level and other health infrastructure in North-Eastern region.

Funds allocated and utilized during each of the last three years and the current year, for healthcare services in the hilly and North-

Eastern region including Arunachal Pradesh, State-wise, is at Annex-lll.

(d) & (e): Under the scheme for "Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing District /referral hospitals", following States/Districts have been identified − Arunachal Pradesh (Naharlagun), Assam (Diphu, Dhubri, Nagaon, North Lakhimpur), Meghalaya (West Garo Hills, Tura), Mizoram (Falkawn), Nagaland (Naga Hospital). Further, under NHM support is also provided to States/UTs, including the North-Eastern region, including Arunachal Pradesh, for setting up of public health facilities like hospitals and projects aimed at creation of health informatics, healthcare knowledge system and other e-Health solutions.

Ministry has taken following measures to adopt IT Solutions in existing health infrastructure in meeting the challenges of healthcare delivery especially to rural and remote areas to ensure continuum of care:

â€¢ Computerization & Hospital Management Information System (HMIS): Computerization of District / Sub-district hospitals & Community Health Centers (CHC) and implementation of Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) for creation of Electronic Health Record in a phased manner. This is to strengthen online patient-centric interface, targeted impact of better delivery of services to patients and improvement in efficiency of processes at hospitals. So far, financial support has been provided to State of Meghalaya & Tripura.

â€¢ Online Registration System (ORS): Online Registration System (ORS) is implemented in various hospitals in States/UTs and Central Govt. Hospital/Institutes to provide online registration, online appointment services to citizens' alongwith and online viewing of medical examination report on ORS portal by citizens. This application has already been implemented in 7 Hospital in N-E region.

â€¢ National Telemedicine Network: Under National Telemedicine Network scheme, PHC/CHCs & District/ Sub District hospitals are being interlinked with the tertiary health care facility, Medical Colleges and super specialty hospitals for providing Tele-Consultation & Tele-Follow-up services with specialists with the purpose of reaching out to rural & remote areas. So far, financial support has been provided to Assam & Tripura.

â€¢ Ministry is also establishing National Medical College Network (NMCN) scheme under which 50 Government medical colleges are being networked in the first phase riding over National Knowledge Network (NKN) with the purpose of e-Education and e-Healthcare delivery including following six (6) medical colleges of North Eastern Region:

i. NEIGRIHMS, Shillong( Regional Resource Centre, NE Region)

ii. Guwahati Medical College, Guwahati, Assam

iii. Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, Assam

iv. Regional Institute of Medical Sciences Imphal, Manipur

v. Agartala Government Medical College, Agartala, Tripura

vi. Christian Institute of Nursing Science & Research, Dimapur, Nagaland.

(f): Under NHM, funds allocated and utilized during each of the last three years and the current year, for healthcare services in the hilly and North-Eastern region including Arunachal Pradesh, State-wise, is at Annex-lll.